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A great tradition dating back three quarters of a century, "Lawmakers of Montana" was first published for the 1949 session of the Montana Legislature.

The first edition had a light tan cover and noted it was "Compliments of Senator Hugo Aronson." History buffs know that Aronson, a Republican oil producer from Cut Bank, was elected Montana governor in 1953. The first book was compiled by E.N. Joffray, who was an assistant sergeant-at-arms in the House of Representatives. In addition to Gov. John Bonner, Lt. Gov. Paul Cannon, and the legislators, photos of the secretary of the senate, chief clerk of the house, and sergeant-at-arms in both bodies appeared in the in the 1951 edition. Staff photos were not included in later editions, however.

Subsequent "Lawmakers of Montana" in the 1950s had light-colored tan, green, and blue covers until 1959 when the cover was metallic gold, similar to the copper cover today. Those editions were "Compliments of The Independent Record." The only session since 1949 for which "Lawmakers of Montana" was not published was 1961. This was roughly the time the Anaconda Copper Company sold its Montana newspapers, including Helena's Independent Record, to Lee Enterprises. Former Montana Gov. Tim Babcock and former House member Jerome Anderson, a long-time lobbyist, confirmed that this is why no book was published for that session.

Publication resumed for the 1963 session and has continued until today with basically the same format. These versions have all had metallic copper covers, hence the book's nickname, the "Copper Book." The Anaconda Company published the book until it became a subsidiary of Atlantic Richfield. When, for the 1987 session, Atlantic Richfield announced it would no longer publish "Lawmakers of Montana," a group of trade associations banded together to ensure this yearbook of legislators would continue to be printed. At that time, Gary Langley took over the editing and publishing duties. In 1991, Pam Langley assumed these responsibilities for the next two decades. Following Pam's passing in 2009, her and Gary's daughter, Kari Jane Langley Raines, continued on with the publication. The Langley family is to be commended for their role in maintaining the legacy of the Copper Book. In 2014, Kari arranged the transfer of publication duties to the Montana Legislative Services Division. Charter Communications generously sponsored the publication of the Copper Book in 2017 through 2023. The Montana Legislative Services Division took on the funding starting in 2025.

"Lawmakers of Montana" remains a valuable resource for legislators, lobbyists, reporters, and especially the public, with its photos and background information about each of the 150 legislators, the governor, and the lieutenant governor. We look forward to the continuation of this unique Montana tradition.

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GOVERNOR
GREG GIANFORTE

Greg Gianforte is a husband, father, grandfather, businessman, sportsman, and public servant. In 2020, he was elected Montana's 25th governor, earning more votes than any candidate for governor in Montana history and with the largest margin of victory for a first-term governor since 1920. He was reelected in November 2024, making him the first Republican to take office for a second term since 1996.

Before entering public service, Gianforte spent his entire career creating jobs and opportunities as he started five different startup companies. Greg and Susan Gianforte founded RightNow Technologies in 1997 from their Bozeman home and grew it into the town's largest commercial employer, creating over 500 high-paying Montana jobs.

After 34 years in the private sector, Gianforte was elected to serve as Montana's lone voice in the U.S. House of Representatives and represented Montana in Congress from June 2017 to January 2021.

Dedicated to working in our communities to make Montana an even better place to live, work, and raise a family, Governor Gianforte meets with Montanans in each of the state's 56 counties each year.

Married since 1988, Greg and Susan Gianforte raised their four children in Bozeman hunting, fishing, rafting, climbing, skiing, and backpacking on Montana's public lands.



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
KRISTEN JURAS

Kristen Juras, a fourth-generation Montanan who grew up on her family's ranch near Conrad, is a wife, mother, grandmother, attorney, and public servant. Upon her election in 2020, Kristen became the second female elected lieutenant governor of Montana in the state's history. Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras serves as a partner to Governor Greg Gianforte as they lead the Montana Comeback.

Before entering public service, Kristen Juras served for 32 years as an attorney in private practice in Great Falls where she helped farmers, ranchers, and small business owners navigate legal issues. As an attorney, Kristen Juras provided pro bono legal services to clients with disabilities who confront homelessness and addiction. In 2000, Kristen joined the faculty at the University of Montana School of Law, teaching classes in property, contracts, estate planning, taxation, business, international, and agricultural law.

Kristen Juras graduated from Conrad High School, the University of Montana, and the University of Georgia Law School.

Married since 1984, Kristen and her husband John are the proud parents to three sons and grandparents to two grandchildren.

The Senate

Sixty-Ninth Assembly



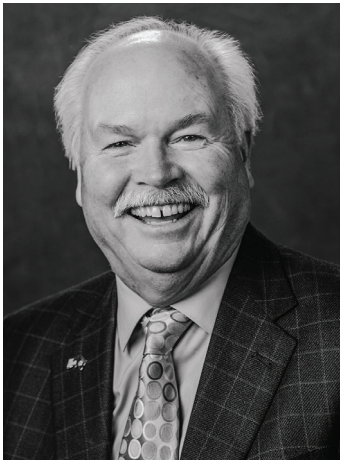
MATT REGIER
President of the Senate

Matt Regier - Kalispell, Senate District 5, Republican. Born 1980 in Kalispell; Flathead High School graduate 1999; attended University of Montana Western; B.A. in business, University of Montana; small business owner, construction; served in House 2017-24; served as Speaker of the House 2023-24; served in Senate since 2025.

Tom McGillvray - Billings, Senate District 26, Republican. Born 1957 in Helena; B.S. in agriculture, Montana State University; retired financial advisor; great-great-grandfather came to Gold Creek, Montana, from California in October 1862 to mine gold; served in House 2005-12; Majority Whip 2007; assistant Minority leader 2009; Majority leader 2011; Senate President's Chief of Staff 2019; served in Senate since 2021; spouse's name is Margaret; three children; five grandchildren.



Tom McGillvray, Majority Leader



Pat Flowers, Minority Leader

Pat Flowers - Belgrade, Senate District 31, Democrat. Born 1956 in Akron, Ohio; moved to Montana in 1977; B.S. in forestry and M.S. in forest economics, University of Montana; natural resource consultant; served in Senate since 2019; spouse's name is Melissa Blessing; two daughters, two stepdaughters.

Kenneth Bogner - Miles City, Senate District 18, Republican. Born 1987 in Miles City; Custer County District High School graduate; B.S. in political science, Columbia University; M.A. in public policy, Middlesex University (UK); Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program, Havard Kennedy School; veteran's outreach coordinator; awarded Council of State Government's 2024 20 Under 40 Leadership award and ALEC's 50 Under 50 award; served in U.S. Marine Corps 2005-09; served in Senate since 2019; Senate President Pro Tempore since 2023; spouse's name is Isabel.



Kenneth Bogner, President Pro Tempore



Becky Beard

Becky Beard – Elliston, Senate District 38, Republican. Born 1960 in Lewistown; B.A. in international relations with a French minor and emphasis on history and political science, Carroll College, 1991; owner/partner at Beard Environmental and Technical Assistance, LLC; National Conference of State Legislatures Women's Legislative Network board member; Montana Manufacturing Extension Center advisory board; associate member of the Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association; elected by acclamation to Elliston School District No. 27, Powell County 2014-16; served in House 2017-2022; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Alden; one child.

Ellie Boldman - Missoula, Senate District 47, Democrat. Catholic schools, including Bishop Kelly High School; B.S., Boise State University; J.D., University of Idaho; licensed attorney; NCSL National Board of Directors; Rotary; ARPA committee; Governor's Housing Task Force; Senate Finance & Claims (Long Range Planning); avid Griz fan; served in House 2011-18; served in Senate since 2021; spouse's name is Dr. Tyler Smith; three sons, two corgis, all boys.



Ellie Boldman



Mike Cuffe

Mike Cuffe - Eureka, Senate District 1, Republican. Born 1947 in Eureka; Lincoln County High School 1965; B.A. in journalism, University of Montana 1969; retired lumber/plywood mill management and advertising/publicity business; past president of Pacific Northwest Economic Region; Model T aficionado; chaired joint select committee on proposed redistricting plan and senate select committee on primary election recount for Butte Silver Bow County; served in House 2011-18; House Majority Whip 2013-14; former chair Consumer Counsel; served in Senate since 2019; member Finance and Claims, Energy and Telecommunications; vice chair Natural Resources and Transportation subcommittee; vice chair Natural Resources Policy committee; spouse's name is JoAn; two children; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Willis Curdy - Missoula, Senate District 49, Democrat. Born 1948 in Hamilton; B.A. in history, M.Ed., University of Montana; farmer/rancher; thirty-year high school educator; thirty-eight years as wildland firefighter/U.S. Forest Service pilot; Missoula Rural Fire District Board of Trustees 1989-93; Big Flat Irrigation Commission 1983-88; served in House 2015-22; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Gloria; two sons; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.



Willis Curdy



Mary Ann Dunwell

Mary Ann Dunwell - Helena, Senate District 42, Democrat. Born 1954 in Wilmington, Delaware; moved to Montana in 2004; B.A. in speech/communication with emphasis on journalism and Japanese language; certifications in public health communications, crisis risk communication, leadership; retired from state government public information; former careers in broadcast journalism and nonprofit communication; former union officer; MFPE retired member; served in House 2015-22; served in Senate since 2023; one son and daughter-in-law.

Janet Ellis - Helena, Senate District 41, Democrat. Born 1956 in Columbus, Ohio; moved to Montana in 1976; graduated from Upper Arlington High School in Columbus, Ohio; B.A. in Biology, University of Montana; retired as Senior Director of Policy for Montana Audubon after 29 years; served in House 2015-18; served in Senate since 2019; spouse's name is Jim Hansen; one son.



Janet Ellis



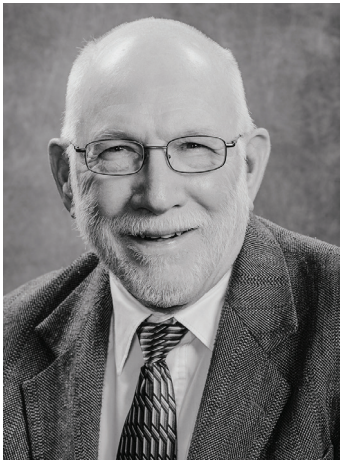
Ellsworth, Jason

Jason Ellsworth - Hamilton, Senate District 43, Republican. Born 1973 in Laconia, New Hampshire; moved to Montana in 1989; owner of Bitterroot Gun Garage; finance chair of Ravalli County Republican Central Committee; cochair of Montana Sportsman Caucus; son of Master Sergeant Wendell Ellsworth stationed at Malmstrom AFB; served in Senate since 2019; three sons, Jeremy, Kyle, Jaimeson; one daughter, Brittany.

Daniel Emrich - Great Falls, Senate District 11, Republican. Born 1988 in Nampa, Idaho; moved to Montana in 1989; home schooled; business owner contractor; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Ashley; five children, Kiera Kyler, Kali, Kess, and Karter.



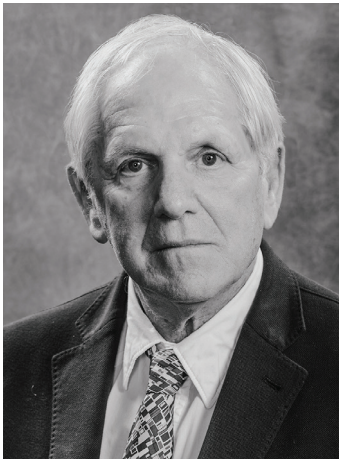
Daniel Emrich



John Esp

John Esp - Big Timber, Senate District 29, Republican. Born 1952 in Bozeman; Sweet Grass County High School graduate; attended Montana State University; carpenter/cabinet maker; served in House 2001-02, 2011-12; served in Senate 2003-10 and since 2019; Dean of the Montana State Senate; spouse's name is Stoney; two grown children.

Dave Fern - Whitefish, Senate District 2, Democrat. Born 1953 in Providence, Rhode Island; moved to Montana in 1988; attended Community College of Rhode Island and Ithaca College; small business owner; Whitefish School Board for eight terms; chairman, past president, board of directors of Montana School Board Association; CASA volunteer; served in House 2017-24; served in Senate since 2025; spouse's name is Heather; three children.



Dave Fern



John Fuller

John Fuller - Kalispell, Senate District 4, Republican. Born 1946 in Glendale, California; moved to Montana in 1995; B.A. in history and economics, Northern Illinois University; M.S. in education, National Louis University; retired high school teacher; U.S. Army, Vietnam veteran 1967-71; Montana Board of Public Education 2001-08; served in House 2019-22; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Cynthia; one child.

Wylie Galt - Martinsdale, Senate District 39, Republican. Born 1984 in Helena; degree in agriculture business, minor in economics, Montana State University; rancher and small business owner; served in House 2013-14, 2017-22; Speaker Pro Tempore 2019; Speaker of the House 2021; served in Senate since 2025; spouse's name is AshLee Strong Galt; two children.



Wylie Galt



Butch Gillespie

Bruce (Butch) Gillespie - Ethridge, Senate District 9, Republican. Born 1946 in Cut Bank; B.A., Montana State University; rancher; livestock nutrition consultant; served in Peace Corps in Ecuador; former Cut Bank school board trustee and chairman; served in Senate since 2019; spouse's name is Doreen; two children, Kisten and Kent.

Carl Glimm - Kila, Senate District 3, Republican. Born 1974 in Conrad; B.S. in construction engineering technology, Montana State University; home builder; president Glimm Homes Custom Home Builders; served in House 2013-2020; served in Senate since 2021; spouse's name is Amy; three children, a son and two daughters, Matthew, Rylee, and Annah.



Carl Glimm



Derek J. Harvey

Derek J. Harvey - Butte, Senate District 37, Democrat. Born 1989 in Butte; A.A.S. in fire and rescue, Helena College University of Montana; firefighter/EMT with Butte-Silver Bow fire department; Eagle Scout; active Mason and Shriner; served in House 2019-24; House Minority Whip 2021 and 2023; served in Senate since 2025; spouse's name is Kayla; two daughters, Josie and Nora.

Denise Hayman - Bozeman, Senate District 32, Democrat. Born 1951 in Winnipeg, Canada; moved to Montana in 1986; attended Pasadena City College; development director; five terms on Bozeman School Board; House Minority Whip 2019-20; past chair of Legislative Audit Committee, served eleven years; vice chair of Energy committee; served in House 2015-22; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Michael Scott; two children.



Denise Hayman



Greg Hertz

Greg Hertz - Polson, Senate District 7, Republican. Born 1957 in Malta; B.A. in accounting, University of Montana; Certified Public Accountant; President and CEO Moody's Market, Inc., retail grocery stores; member of Rotary; served in House 2013-2020; Majority Whip 2015-16; Speaker Pro Tempore 2017; Speaker of the House of Representatives 2019; served in Senate since 2021; spouse's name is Kate; daughter Kristin, son-in-law Michael, granddaughter Luna; son Matthew; son Adam, daughter-in-law Brittni, granddaughters Adalia, Giada, Ariana.

Gregg Hunter - Glasgow, Senate District 15, Republican. Born 1958 in Great Falls; graduated as a Scotty from Glasgow High School; public relations and marketing; volunteers as an AEMT for the Hinsdale Ambulance; board director and twice past president of the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce; board chairman of the First Baptist Church; Montana Law Enforcement Torch Run Special Olympics volunteer; served in the Senate since 2025; spouse's name is Kim; daughter Ashley and son Troy.



Gregg Hunter



Josh Kassmier

Josh Kassmier - Fort Benton, Senate District 13, Republican. Born 1981 in Fort Benton; B.A. in political science with a minor in public administration, Carroll College 2004; crop adjuster; served in House 2019-24; served in Senate since 2025; spouse's name is Chelsey; three children, CoraLynn, Banks, Regina.

Emma Kerr-Carpenter - Billings, Senate District 23, Democrat. Born 1989 in Watertown, New York; B.A. in international relations and religion; stay-at-home parent; served in House 2019-24; served in Senate since 2024; spouse's name is Dan Cohn; one child, Asa.



Emma Kerr-Carpenter



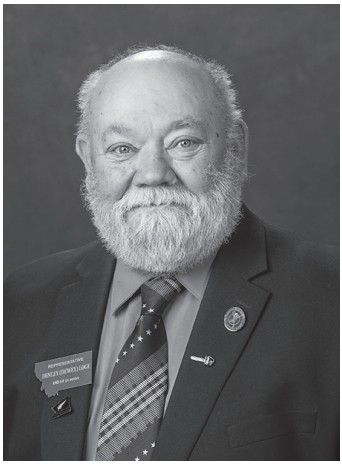
Gayle Lammers

Gayle Lammers – Hardin, Senate District 21, Republican. Born 1984 in Hardin; graduated Hardin High School; attended some college and the Lammers Trading Post School of Hard Knocks; fifth-generation family business owner; born and raised in rural Montana near the Crow Reservation; served in House since 2024; spouse's name is Carla; three young children, Leila, Luna, and George.

Dennis Lenz - Billings, Senate District 25, Republican. Born 1962 in Boise, Idaho; moved to Montana in 1983; certificate of ranch management from Texas Christian University; certificate of pastoral studies from Yellowstone Valley Bible Institute; farmed a family farm in central Montana 1987-2019; retired as a captain with the Billings Fire Department after 24 years; House sergeant-at-arms 2014-15; served in House 2013-14, 2017-22; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Deanna; two children, Danae and Dustin; two grandchildren.



Dennis Lenz



Denley Loge

Denley Loge - Saint Regis, Senate District 45, Republican. Born 1950 in Valley City, North Dakota; moved to Montana in 1964; St. Regis High School graduate; B.A. in geography, University of Montana; rancher; retired highway maintenance/construction; AFSCME highway policy chairman; Missoula/Mineral Farm Services Agency; Mineral County Soil Conservation Board; Mineral County Forest Coalition; Sanders County Collaborative; Mineral County Planning Board; UM Alumni Band; Governor's Private Land/Public Wildlife Council; Region 2 FWP Citizens Advisory Committee; Trinity Lutheran Church; Western Legislators Academy 2018; founding member Missoula Maggots Rugby Club; served in House 2017-24; served in Senate since 2025.

Forrest Mandeville - Columbus, Senate District 28, Republican. Born 1984 in Columbus; graduated Columbus High School 2002; B.A. in political science, Point Loma Nazarene University; M.P.A., Montana State University Billings 2013; land use planning consultant; served in House 2015-2020; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Rebekah; two sons, one daughter.



Forrest Mandeville



Theresa Manzella

Theresa Manzella - Hamilton, Senate District 44, Republican. Born 1964 in Pontiac, MI; moved to MT 1992; background experience includes construction & property development, restaurant management & automotive industry; self-employed since 1992; owner, trainer, builder, & chief stall mucker at TNT Paints & Performance Horses; served on the agri-business committee & Right to Farm & Ranch; 23-time state regional & national NHRA champion; 2009 Bitterroot Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year; founder Cowkids for Christ youth horsemanship program & Willing Servants horse rescue; recipient Keeper of the 10th Award from MT Agri Women 2017 and CPACs Conservative Achievement Award for every session served; founding chair Montana Freedom Caucus; served in House 2015-20; served in Senate since 2021; spouse's name is Ken Lengyel.

Wendy McKamey - Great Falls, Senate District 12, Republican. B.S. in management and environmental design, Brigham Young University; rancher; Epsilon Sigma Alpha; graduate of Leadership Great Falls and Leadership Montana; Henry Toll Fellow; accomplished pianist, vocalist, organist, and closet violinist; served in House 2015-22; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Les; seven children; 26 grandchildren.



Wendy McKamey



Jacinda Morigeau

Jacinda Morigeau - Arlee, Senate District 46, Democrat. Born 1987 in Missoula, raised in Arlee; B.A. in psychology and Native American studies, University of Montana; nonprofit communications, training, and program organization; TRIO Upward Bound; Bitterroot Salish of the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes; board of directors, All Nations Health Center; runs a senior dog retirement home; served in Senate since 2025; partner's name is Michael Johnson.

Shane A. Morigeau - Missoula, Senate District 50, Democrat. Born 1984 in Missoula; L.L.M. from University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law; J.D. from University of Montana School of Law; B.S. from University of Montana, College of Forestry and Conservation; attorney/ public affairs officer, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes; member of Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes; served in House 2017-2020; served in Senate since 2021; partner's name is Sunya Berkelman Rosado; one daughter, Juniper Rose.



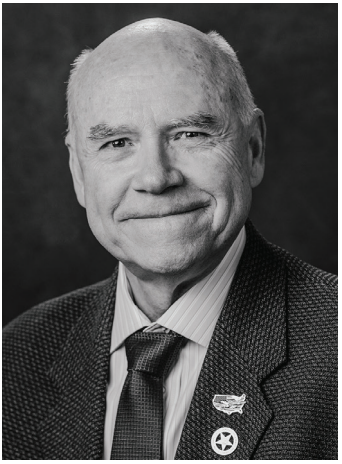
Shane A. Morigeau



Cora Neumann

Cora Neumann - Bozeman, Senate District 30, Democrat. Raised in Bozeman; raising two children in Bozeman surrounded by four generations of family; B.A. in political science, University of New Mexico; Ph.D. in health and development, University of Oxford, U.K.; public health doctor; chief community health officer, Native American Development Corporation; served at U.S. Department of State 2011-12; served in Senate since 2025; spouse's name is Andras Rosner; two children (son and daughter).

Mark Noland - Bigfork, Senate District 6, Republican. Born 1959 in Whitefish; studied business management at University of Montana; small business owner; Lake County Republican Central Committee Chairman; served in House 2015-22; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Kathy; six children.



Mark Noland



Sara Novak

Sara Novak - Anaconda, Senate District 36, Democrat. Born 1978 in Butte; graduated Butte High School; B.S. in secondary education with focus in health and human performance, special education, traffic education, University of Montana Western; M.Ed. in counseling, Montana State University Northern; completed the educational administration/special education supervision for a Class 3 Administrative Educator License, Montana State University Billings; special education director; served in House 2021-22; served in Senate since 2025; spouse's name is Daren; three children (SheaLee, Hunter, Gage).

Andrea Olsen - Missoula, Senate District 48, Democrat. Born, raised, and educated in Missoula; J.D., University of Montana; attorney; faculty affiliate; served in House 2015-22; served in Senate since 2023.



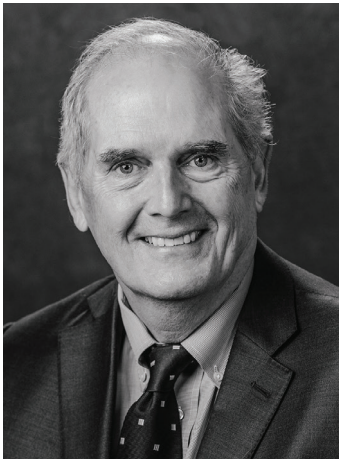
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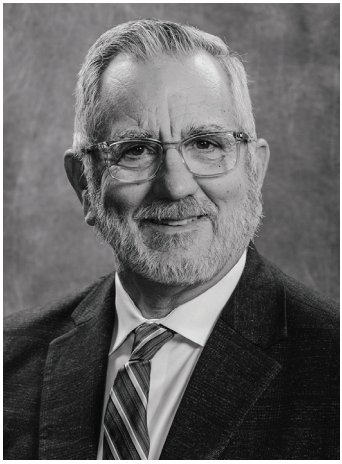
Bob Phalen

Bob Phalen - Lindsay, Senate District 17, Republican. Born 1951 in Miles City; high school graduate; two-year farm/ranch management diploma; farmer/rancher; member of chuch board, school board, community college board, local community board; six years U.S. Navy, active 1970-73; served in House 2021-24; served in Senate since 2025; spouse's name is Connie; four children, 12 grandchildren.

Christopher Pope - Bozeman, Senate District 33, Democrat. Born 1952 in Biloxi, Mississippi; moved to Montana in 1991; B.A. in Spanish literature, University of Oregon 1976; M.A. in public and private management, Yale School of Management 1988; served in House 2015-16 and 2019-2020; served in Senate since 2021; spouse's name is Maddy; two children.



Christopher Pope



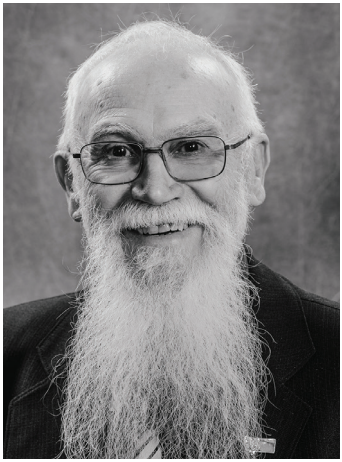
Vince Ricci

Vince Ricci – Billings, Senate District 27, Republican. Born in Livingston; graduated Park High School in Livingston; thirty-year Laurel small business owner, retired in 2018; retired from Laurel Volunteer Fire Department; served in House 2015-21; served in Senate since 2025; spouse's name is Debbie, married 47 years; three grown sons; nine grandchildren.

Laura Smith - Helena, Senate District 40, Democrat. Born 1982 in Salt Lake City, Utah; moved to Montana in 2010; B.S. and B.A., political science and English, University of Utah; J.D., University of Pennsylvania Law School; certification in business and public policy, Wharton Business School; attorney and former prosecutor; served in House 2023-24; served in Senate since 2025; Minority Whip 2025; spouse's name is Mac; two daughters.



Laura Smith



Russ Tempel

Russ Tempel - Chester, Senate District 14, Republican. Born 1947 in Havre; graduated Joplin High School; technical degree in welding, Billings Vo-Tech; A.A. in business, Northern University in Havre; third-generation farmer on granddad's homestead, 34 years family farming and custom farming, retired; drafted into U.S. Army 1966-68; longest-serving Liberty County Commissioner 1999-2016; active in 4-H, church, HRDC, Sage Creek Water Board, and Montana Association of Counties; served in Senate since 2017; spouse's name is Judy, married 54 years; three daughters, one son; 11 grandchildren.

Tony Tezak - Ennis, Senate District 35, Republican. Born 1966 in Sheridan; graduated Sheridan High School; one year of engineering, Montana State University; Montana Master Electrician license; electrical contractor, landscape contractor, ranching; coached youth wrestling, football, and baseball; Ennis School District trustee; served in Senate since 2025; spouse's name is Connie; five sons; nine grandchildren.



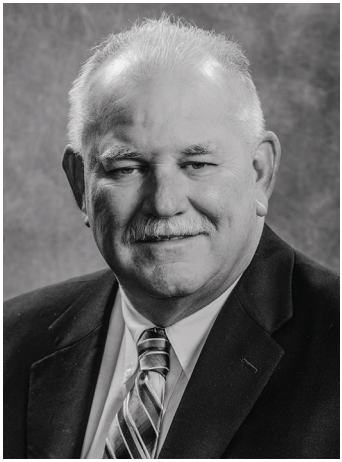
Tony Tezak



Jeremy Trebas

Jeremy Trebas - Great Falls, Senate District 10, Republican. Born 1984 in Missoula; B.S. in business administration with the accounting option, Montana State University; certified public accountant; served in House 2017-18, 2021-22; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Hannah; three children.

Barry Usher – Laurel, Senate District 19, Republican. Born 1965 in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania; moved to Montana in 2002; studied criminal justice/sociology at University of Maryland University College; owner of Beartooth, Buffalo Bill, Beartooth Pass Harley-Davidson and Beartooth Mahindra Tractors & Roxor dealerships; past owner DP Solutions, Maui Wishes and Adventures, Hi Mountain Recreation and DGN NASCAR Racing; life NRA member; Big Sky Young Presidents Organization/World Presidents Organization; NFIB member; Metra Park president/board member; Red Lodge Area Chamber president; Red Lodge Area Economic Development Corp president; NCSL vice president; chairman Senate Judiciary; U.S. Coast Guard 1983; served in House 2017-22; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Ann Marie; four children; seven grandchildren.



Barry Usher



Shelley Vance

Shelley Vance - Belgrade, Senate District 34, Republican. Born in Bozeman; graduated from Bozeman Senior High School; grew up on family ranch participating in 4-H and the Montana Junior Hereford Association; 25 years in the Gallatin County Clerk and Recorder's Office with 18 years as elected Clerk and Recorder; 12 years as temporary legislative staff; proud mother and grandmother; served in Senate since 2023.

Sue Vinton - Billings, Senate District 20, Republican. Born in Boston, Massachusetts; moved to Montana in 1996; A.A.S. in human services, S.U.N.Y. Al; B.A. in criminal justice, Alfred University; paralegal certification; owner Vinton Construction Inc; Lockwood School Board of Trustees 2004-16; member of Montana School Board Association Board of Directors and Montana School Unemployment Insurance Program Board of Directors 2012-16; served in House 2017-24; served in Senate since 2025; spouse's name is Rep. Mike Vinton; four children; six grandchildren.



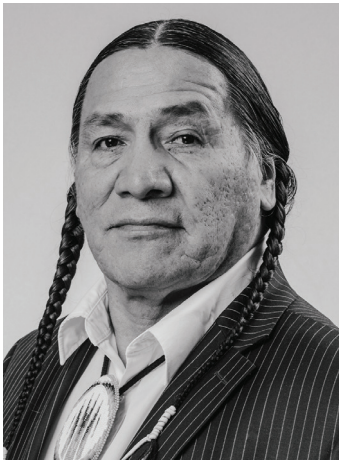
Sue Vinton



Susan A. Webber

Susan A. Webber - Browning, Senate District 8, Democrat. Born 1955 in Browning; M.A. in political science and public administration, Montana State University; B.A. in anthropology, University of Montana; A.A. in business management and Native American studies, Blackfeet Community College; retired educator and program director; member of several Blackfeet cultural societies; enrolled member of the Blackfeet Nation; served in House 2015-18; served in Senate since 2019; spouse's name is George; three sons; six grandchildren; one great-granddaughter.

Jonathan Windy Boy - Rocky Boy, Senate District 16, Democrat. Born 1958 in Fort Belknap; studied telecommunications at Southwestern Polytech Institute in Albuquerque, New Mexico; professional dancer, singer, policy advisor, public motivational speaker; Chippewa Cree, Assiniboine; sponsored legislation for language preservation language immersion laws and Zortman/Landusky gold heap leach mine reclamation; served in House 2003-08, 2017-24; served in Senate 2009-16 and since 2025; one child; four granddaughters, three grandsons.



Jonathan Windy Boy



Mike Yakawich

Mike Yakawich - Billings, Senate District 24, Republican. Born 1959 in Butte; moved to Billings in 1987; B.S. from University of Montana; retired small business owner; two terms on Billings City Council, 2014-21, and deputy mayor the last two years; Elks Lodge member since 2005; nonprofit director active in suicide and drug abuse prevention education and race relations; served in House 2022-24; served in Senate since 2025; spouse's name is Yukiko; five children, one son-in-law, three daughters-in-law; seven grandchildren.

Daniel Zolnikov - Billings, Senate District 22, Republican. Born 1987; Roundup High School graduate 2005; majored in information systems, marketing, management at University of Montana 2010; MBA, University of Montana 2019; served in House 2013-20; served in Senate since 2023; spouse's name is Rep. Katie Zolnikov.



Daniel Zolnikov

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Brandon Ler - Savage, House District 33, Republican. Born 1985 in Sidney; Sidney High School 2005; self-employed; Savage school board, six years; Savage Volunteer Fire Department, ten years; Eastern Land Office wild land fire fighter, three years; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Stephanie; three children, Evelyn, Arntson, Eloise.

Steve Fitzpatrick - Great Falls, House District 24, Republican. Born 1978 in Helena; Helena High School graduate 1997; B.S. in biological sciences, Montana State University 2001; J.D., Arizona State University College of Law; attorney; served in Senate 2017-24; served in House 2011-16 and since 2025; spouse's name is Julia; three daughters.



Steve Fitzpatrick, Majority Leader



Katie Sullivan, Minority Leader

Katie Sullivan – Missoula, House District 93, Democrat. Born 1983 in Denver, Colorado; raised in Tucson, Arizona; moved to Montana in 2001; B.A. in human biology, University of Montana; J.D., University of Montana School of Law; L.L.M., University of Colorado School of Law; intellectual property law attorney; small business owner; served in House since 2019; spouse's name is Phil Stempin; one son.

Katie Zolnikov - Billings, House District 44, Republican. Born 1997; B.A. in business finance, Montana State University Billings; small business owner; third-generation Montanan; served in House since October 2020; spouse's name is Sen. Daniel Zolnikov.



Katie Zolnikov, Speaker Pro Tempore



Eric Albus

Eric Albus - Glasgow, House District 28, Republican. Born 1968 in Glasgow; studied English for a year at Eastern Montana College; rancher/farmer; appointed by governor to Private Land/Public Wildlife advisory committee; served in House since 2025; spouse's name is Robyn; son Kyle, daughter-in-law Kat; grandson Rustin.



Brad Barker

Brad Barker - Luther, House District 55, Republican. Born 1972 in Oklahoma; moved to Montana in 2016; B.A. in economics, United States Military Academy at West Point; MPP, Georgetown University; served over 20 years in U.S. Army as an attack helicopter pilot and aviation commander; grew up on a farm and ranch; school district administrator for two years; mergers and acquisition advisor; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Carla; four children.



Denise Baum

Denise Baum - Billings, House District 45, Democrat. Born 1967 in West Allis (a suburb of Milwaukee), Wisconsin; moved to Montana in 1997; B.S. in criminal justice administration with an area of specialization in psychology, Mount Senario College, Ladysmith, WI; retired in 2024 from City of Billings Police Department after 21 years, served as a detective investigating crimes against children; Salvation Army advisory board; committee chair and adult leader, Boy Scouts of America troop 77-Billings; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Craig; one son, Colton.

David Bedey - Hamilton, House District 86, Republican. Born 1954 in Hamilton; B.S. in civil engineering, Montana State University; M.A. in national security and strategic studies, U.S. Naval War College; Ph.D. in space physics, University of Alaska Fairbanks; retired U.S. Army colonel 1978-2008; chief financial officer of small engineering firm since 2010; Hamilton school district trustee 2009-18; served in House since 2019; spouse's name is Deborah; one child.



David Bedey



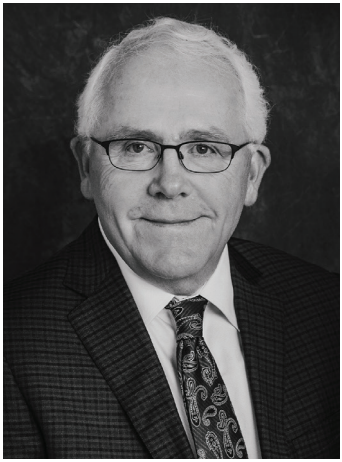
Lyn Bennett

Lyn Bennett - Columbia Falls, House District 4, Republican. Born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; also lived in Dallas, Texas; B.S. in nursing; current board member and previous past president of Glacier Country Pachyderm Club; previous precinct captain for the Flathead County Central Committee; served in House since 2025; spouse's name is Art; three daughters, one son-in-law; one grandson.

Marta Bertoglio - Clancy, House District 75, Republican. Born 1969 in Deer Lodge; B.S. in political science, U.S. Air Force Academy; broker/owner of a real estate company; U.S. Air Force 1991-2004; Montana City School Board trustee 2012-20; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Joseph Chapman; two children, Marrin and Cecelia.



Marta Bertoglio



Larry Brewster

Larry Brewster - Billings, House District 43, Republican. Born 1951 in Idaho Falls, Idaho; moved to Montana in 1975; vocational school for radio electronics; U.S. Army 1969-73; industrial electrician; retired manager of telecom department, NorthWestern Energy; Heights Task Force; Billings school board, six years; Billings City Council, 11 years; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Vonda; two children.

Edward Buttrey - Great Falls, House District 21, Republican. Born 1965 in Helena; B.S. in electrical engineering, Montana State University; business owner; served in Senate 2011-18; Majority Whip 2015-18; served in House since 2019; spouse's name is Jessica; three children, Kenzy, Macy, and TayLee.



Edward Buttrey



Ed Byrne

Ed Byrne – Creston, House District 11, Republican. Born 1964; spent five years in Alaska; returned to Montana 1968; B.A., University of Montana; MSA, Central Michigan University; MSS, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania; retired colonel, U.S. Army infantry, over 30 years of service; lifetime member and former commander of VFW Post 4042, Bigfork; lifetime member NRA; lifetime member Montana Shooting Sports Association; served in House since 2025; spouse's name is Mary; two adult children.

Mary M. Caferro - Helena, House District 81, Democrat. Born in Whitefish; Whitefish High School graduate; attended Helena College; community organizer/advocate; served in House 2005-10 and since 2019; served in Senate 2011-18; four children, Margaret, Hallie, Joseph, and Kenji Swain; grandchildren Eamonn Gray Asay-Swain and Merrin Wilder Conway.



Mary M. Caferro



Bob Carter

Bob Carter - Missoula, House District 96, Democrat. Born 1965 in Great Falls; B.S. in computer science with minors in math and media arts, University of Montana; third-generation Montanan; worked on farms and ranches through college; trained as computer scientist; worked as chief information officer; public school board trustee, 11 years; boards of directors for various nonprofit, governmental, educational, and agricultural organizations; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Laurie; three children: Ben, Max, Nick; over four dozen foster children.

Brian Close – Bozeman, House District 65, Democrat. Born 1958 in Highland Park, Illinois; moved to Montana in 1994; L.L.M. in taxation, New York University, 1987; J.D., Illinois Institute of Technology - Chicago-Kent School of Law 1986; A.B. in history, University of Chicago 1981; M.A. in history, Montana State University 2001; tax attorney; chairman of local paratransit board, City of Bozeman Transit Study Board, and City of Bozeman Parks Board; member, City of Bozeman Planning and Zoning boards; elected to the City of Bozeman Study Commission; served in House since 2025; spouse's name is Beth Boyson.



Brian Close



Curtis Cochran

Curtis Cochran – St. Regis, House District 90, Republican. Born 1956 in Thompson Falls; Helena Senior High School graduate; attended University of Montana; general studies, Green River College; retired from timber industry; family businesses in tourism, construction, mining; many years as a community volunteer for St. Regis Community Council and Mineral County Recreation Club; volunteer high school football coach; board member of nonprofit Trestle Creek Golf Association; served in House since 2025; two children.

Jill Cohenour - East Helena, House District 83, Democrat. Born 1966 in Havre; B.A. in chemistry, University of Montana; chemist at Montana State Environmental Laboratory; life member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation; president of the Federation of Public Health and Human Services, Local #4573; trustee on Eastgate Water and Sewer Board; served in Senate 2015-22; served in House 2003-10 and since 2023; spouse's name is Joe; two daughters, Allysha and Taylor; three grandsons, Jace, Matthew, and Booker; two granddaughters, Marilyn and Margaret.



Jill Cohenour



Thedis Crowe

Thedis Crowe - Browning, House District 15, Democrat. Born 1961; B.S. in land resource sciences, Montana State University 1991; M.A. in Native American studies with a minor in management and public administration, Montana State University 2003; manages a family ranch, cow/calf operation; retired after 33 years of federal service as a superintendent, deputy superintendent for trust services and a rangeland management specialist 2008-22 for the Bureau of Indian Affairs; was also employed by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services as a district conservationist, program specialist, tribal liaison, and soil scientist 1989-2008; enrolled member of the Blackfeet Tribe; served in House since 2025; partner's name is Emerald Grant, Jr.; three adult daughters; eight grandchildren.

Melody Cunningham - Missoula, House District 97, Democrat. Born 1958 in Augusta, Maine. Moved to Montana in 2020; B.A. in literature and pre-medical, Wellesley College; residency and M.D. from University of Massachusetts; Harvard Medical School pediatric hematology/oncology fellowship; pediatric oncologist and pediatric hospice and palliative medicine physician, retired from clinical practice; American Academy of Pediatrics, national and Montana chapters; board of directors, Partners Hope Foundation, End-of-Life and Hospice Center; served in House since 2025; spouse's name is Michael Rohrer; one child.



Melody Cunningham



Julie Darling

Julie Darling - Helena, House District 84, Republican. Born 1971 in Kalispell; Series 7 and 63 and insurance licensed; paraplanner/financial professional at Sullivan Financial Group; Board of Directors, Helena Area Chamber of Commerce; Montana Stockgrowers Association; Montana Farm Bureau; American Galloway Breeders Association; Montana Landlord's Association; served in House since 2019; one son, Tyler Simonson, a sailor in the Navy.

Scott DeMarois – Anaconda, House District 71, Democrat. Born 1972 in Anaconda; graduated from Anaconda High School 1990; studied chemistry, Montana Tech 1990-94; retired after 29 years as a captain on the Anaconda Fire Department; multiple years working on fire fighter issues in Helena with the Montana State Council of Professional Fire Fighters; successfully ran eight terms for the executive board of the MSCOPFF since 2009; served in House since 2025; spouse's name is Melani; blended family of five kids.



Scott DeMarois



Lee Deming

Lee Deming - Laurel, House District 54, Republican. Born 1955 in Anaconda; B.A. in education, Carroll College; M.A. in educational leadership, University of Montana; taught high school in Montana for 43 years; FWP Region 5 citizen advisory committee; Knights of Columbus 3rd degree; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Sherry; son Ryan, daughter Annie; grandchildren Shayla, Kennedy, Finley, Kian, Maguire, Bailey.

Neil Duram - Eureka, House District 1, Republican. Born 1969; B.A.S., University of Montana; retired Montana Highway Patrol trooper/sergeant with 28 years of service; veteran of Washington Air National Guard; served in House since 2019; spouse's name is Rachel; two children; three grandchildren.



Neil Duram



Becky Edwards

Becky Edwards – Bozeman, House District 61, Democrat. Born 1979 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; moved to Montana in 1998; B.S. in English literature and political science, Montana State University; executive director of national conservation organization The Mountain Mamas; co-principal of marketing communications firm The Nest Collective; served in House since 2025; spouse's name is Ben Cichowski; three daughters: Addy, Myla, and Kaia.

Pete Elverum - Helena, House District 82, Democrat. Born 1983 in Salem, Oregon; moved to Montana in 2001; J.D., Gonzaga Law School 2009; B.A. in political science, Montana State University 2006; attorney; City Attorney for East Helena and Deer Lodge; Army and Montana Army National Guard, 14 years of service, rank Major; served in House since 2025; spouse's name is McCall; four children.



Pete Elverum



Sherry Essmann

Sherry Essmann - Billings, House District 49, Republican. Born and raised in Billings; B.S in applied management, Rocky Mountain College; worked in all phases of financial services for 35 years; retired as CEO from Montana Health Federal Credit Union; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Jeff; two grown children; three grandchildren.

Jodee Etchart – Billings, House District 51, Republican. Born in Billings; B.A. in physician assistant studies, Rocky Mountain College; B.S. in counseling and human services, Montana State University Billings; physician assistant; NCSL Fellow: National Opioid Committee, Healthcare Workforce, and Policing; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is John; two children.



Jodee Etchart



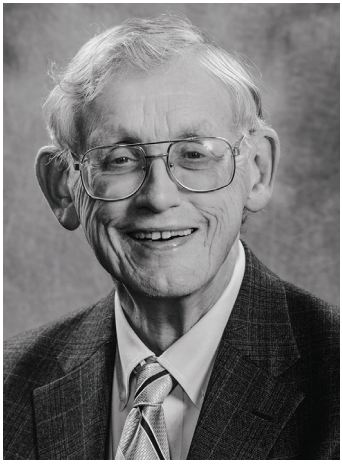
Terry Falk

Terry Falk - Kalispell, House District 10, Republican. Born in Minnesota; moved to Kalispell in 1979; education in finance, accounting, and economics; long-time real estate lender and investor; served in House since 2023; two grown children; three grandsons.

Paul Fielder - Thompson Falls, House District 14, Republican. Born in Mount Kisco, New York; moved to Montana in 2007; A.A.S in agriculture, State University of New York at Cobleskill; B.S. and M.S. in fish and wildlife biology, Murray State University, Kentucky; retired wildlife biologist; National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses executive board; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Jennifer; one son, one daughter; five grandchildren.



Paul Fielder



John Fitzpatrick

John Fitzpatrick - Anaconda, House District 76, Republican. Born 1948 in Anaconda; Anaconda Senior High School graduate; B.A. in sociology, University of Montana; M.A. and Ph.D., Ohio State University; real estate development; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Connie; two sons.

Sidney (Chip) Fitzpatrick - Crow Agency, House District 42, Democrat. Born 1962 in Crow Agency; high school graduate; business administration and business management, Dawson Community College; retired Bureau of Indian Affairs law enforcement; Big Horn County Commissioner; Crow Tribe; Volunteers of America governing board for Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota; served in House since 2025; spouse's name is Janet; three sons, three daughters; 22 grandkids.



Chip Fitzpatrick



Mike Fox

Mike Fox - Hays, House District 32, Democrat. Born 1959 in Fort Belknap Agency, Harlem; graduated Harlem High School; attended Eastern Montana College for four years - Non Grad; Tribal Councilman; retired military; Gros Ventre Tribe; U.S. Coast Guard 1977-81, Montana National Guard 1981-2002; Fort Belknap Tribal Council 2009-13, reelected 2019; served in Senate since 2021; spouse's name is Delina Cuts The Rope; three sons.

Tom France - Missoula, House District 99, Democrat. Born 1951 in Minneapolis, Minnesota; moved to Montana in 1972; J.D., University of Montana School of Law; retired regional executive director, National Wildlife Federation; Montana Environmental Quality Council 1983-91; board of directors of North Dakota Natural Resource Trust, Save our Wild Salmon, Clark Fork Coalition; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Meg Haenn; three children.



Tom France



Shelly Fyant

Shelly Fyant - Arlee, House District 91, Democrat. Born 1957 in St. Ignatius; graduated Ronan High School 1975; A.A. in liberal arts, Haskell Indian Jr. College 1978; B.S. in business administration, University of Montana 1989; consultant, focusing on food security/cultural awareness and appreciation; Bitterroot Salish, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes; board member, Western Leaders Network; Buffalo Nations Food Systems Initiative, Advisory Council; Leadership Montana, Indigenous Advisory Council; Arlee Community Development Corporation, Food Sovereignty Chair; CSKT Tribal Council 2014-21; CSKT Tribal Chairwoman 2020-21; Arlee school board 2012-14; served in House since 2025; partner's name is Curtis Morigeau; four sons; seven grandchildren; one great-granddaughter.

Jane Gillette - Three Forks, House District 77, Republican. Born 1971 in Tacoma, WA; moved to Montana in 2005; M.P.H., U of MT; D.D.S., U of WA; B.S., biology, Pacific Lutheran Univ.; Clinical Research Methods, U of WA; executive education in organizational leadership, Kellogg School of Business Management and Wharton School of Business; value-based healthcare, Harvard Institute for Strategy and Competitiveness; Captain 2002-05 (active), 2005-13 (inactive) in U.S. Air Force; U.S. Air Force Achievement Medal (awarded twice); researcher and healthcare consultant; American Dental Assoc./American Assoc. of Dental Research; 2015 Evidence-based Practice Award; 2017 Bertha Morton Award; 2017 Future Generations Award; 2020 Excellence in Nutrition Advocacy; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Christopher; one daughter, two sons.



Jane Gillette



Steve Gist

Steve Gist - Cascade, House District 25, Republican. Born 1960 in Havre; grew up on a farm/ranch in northcentral Montana; ASN, Excelsior University 2009/College of Great Falls; paramedic 2006; wildland fire engine boss, National Wildfire Coordinating Group 2003; business owner, contracts wildland fire engines; involved in wildland firefighting for 30+ years and worked in emergency healthcare for 30+ years; House Majority Whip 2023, 2025; Natural Resources vice chair 2023, chair 2025; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Ginny; three children, four stepchildren, all grown.

Randyn Gregg - White Sulphur Springs, House District 78, Republican. Born 1991; moved to Montana in 2014; attended Whittier College, Utah Valley University, Liberty University; studied farrier science at Montana State University; self-employed, owns and operates Performance Farrier Services; weekly agricultural/political columnist for the cattle publication Western Ag Reporter; served in House since 2025.



Randyn Gregg



Alanah Griffith

Alanah Griffith – Gallatin Gateway, House District 60, Democrat. Born 1974 in Big Sky; Bozeman High School graduate; B.A. in philosophy and psychology, minor in history of ideas from North Central College with honors; J.D. with honors from University of Montana; attorney at Griffith & Associates, P.C.; board member of Reach, Inc. and Morningstar Learning Center; volunteered for Eagle Mount; coaches Lone Peak's mock trial team; past secretary/treasurer of Bar Association of Montana; past chair of the Bar's professionalism committee; served in House since 2025; one child, Calder.

Donavon Hawk - Butte, House District 72, Democrat. Born 1981 in Hardin; occupational safety and health/surgical technician, Montana Tech; public relations and marketing; Crow/Crow Creek Sioux; served in House since 2021.



Donavon Hawk



Caleb Hinkle

Caleb Hinkle - Belgrade, House District 68, Republican. Born 1992 in Butte, grew up in Philipsburg; former Montana Army National Guard sergeant with the MOS of 11C Indirect Fire Infantryman; served in House since 2021.

Jedediah Hinkle - Belgrade, House District 67, Republican. Born 1980 in Sitka, Alaska; moved to Montana in 1984; B.S. in fish and wildlife management, Montana State University 2002; taxidermist and business owner; served in Senate 2015-18; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Kyndall; three children: two daughters, one son.



Jedediah Hinkle



SJ Howell

SJ Howell - Missoula, House District 100, Democrat. Born 1980 in South Carolina; moved to Billings in 1980; B.A. in English from University of Montana 2002; community organizer and nonprofit director; served in House since 2023; partner's name is Zuri Moreno; one son.

Jamie Isaly - Bozeman, House District 58, Democrat. Born 1960 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; moved to Montana in 1978; B.S. in industrial art, technology education, Montana State University; teaching degree, Montana State University; retired teacher of 30+ years; currently a small business owner, farm and garden; board member, Livingston Education Foundation; steering committee member, Park County Housing Coalition; advisory board member, Technology Student Association; served in House since 2025; spouse's name is Traci; three children; six grandchildren.



Jamie Isaly



Llew Jones

Llew Jones - Conrad, House District 18, Republican. Born 1962 in Helena; Conrad High School graduate; B.S. in agriculture business and M.S. in applied economics, Montana State University; small business owner, farmer, and rancher; Conrad Chamber of Commerce past president; chair National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) education committee; chair of the NCSL budget working group; served in Senate 2011- 18; Majority Whip 2013-14; served in House 2005-10 and since 2019; spouse's name is Carole; four children; seven grandchildren.

Denise Joy - Billings, House District 46, Democrat. Born 1964 in Billings; raised in Hardin; graduated Hardin High School 1983; B.A. in political science, Cleveland State University 1989; completed two years at Mississippi State University Graduate School of Public Policy and Administration 1991; graduate work at Mississippi Governor's Office 1990; served on Billings City Council 2018-24; served in House since 2025; one son.



Denise Joy



Jonathan Karlen

Jonathan Karlen - Missoula, House District 98, Democrat. Born 1999; B.S. in wildlife biology; M.P.A., University of Montana; wildlife research associate at University of Montana Boone and Crockett Conservation Program; former Max Baucus Leader, U.S. Senate; Demmer Scholar, U.S. Forest Service; wildlife research technician; ski coach; Minority Whip 2025; served in House since 2023.

Steven Kelly – Kalispell, House District 9, Republican. Born 1958 in San Louis Obispo, California; moved to Montana in 2020; MMgt, University of Phoenix 2011; B.S. in business management, University of Phoenix; Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy 2009; retired from captain, deputy sheriff Washoe County Office; Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, Kalispell Lodge 725; Back Country Horsemen of the Flathead; served in House since 2025; spouse's name is Mary; six daughters.



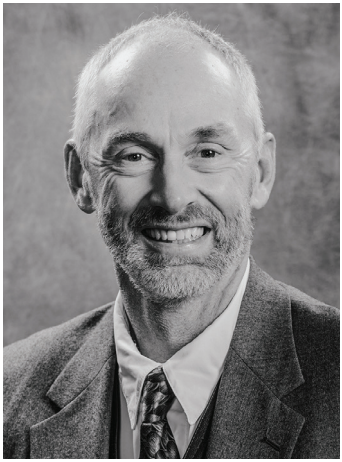
Steven Kelly



Connie Keogh

Connie Keogh – Missoula, House District 92, Democrat. Born 1955 in Red Lodge; B.A. in elementary and special education, Montana State University Billings; M.A. in education, Western Governors University; retired educator; served in House since 2019; two children; two grandchildren.

Shane Klakken – Grass Range, House District 37, Republican. Born 1962 in Lewistown; B.S. in computer science, University of Montana; pilot in U.S. Army, Forest Service, Customs and Border Protection - Office of Air and Marine; U.S. Army veteran; served in House since 2025; two children.



Shane Klakken



Greg Kmetz

Greg Kmetz - Miles City, House District 36, Republican. Born 1956 in Cheyenne, Wyoming; moved to Montana in 1979; graduated from University of Wyoming 1978; owned and operated Nolley's Welding, 41 years; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Alice; three adult children.

Kelly Kortum - Bozeman, House District 64, Democrat. Born 1985 in Ekalaka; Carter County High School, Ekalaka; B.S. in computer science, Montana State University Bozeman; systems administrator; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Rebecca Stanton.



Kelly Kortum



Marc Lee

Marc Lee – Butte, House District 74, Democrat. Born 1970 in Tacoma, Washington; B.S. from Montana Technological University 2000; captain/EMT; Butte-Silver Bow fire department; member of numerous community/civic organizations over last 25 years; currently president of Mining City Little Guy Football board; served in House since 2025; three children.

Kathy Love – Hamilton, House District 85, Republican. Born 1958 in Georgia; moved to Montana in 1990; college degree in dental hygiene; retired as registered dental hygienist after 38 years; vice chair of Ravalli County Republican Central Committee; served in House since 2025; three children.



Kathy Love



Jennifer Lynch

Jennifer Lynch - Butte, House District 73, Democrat. Born 1991 in Butte; B.A. in elementary education, University of Montana Western; title teacher at Emerson Elementary School in Butte; Minority Caucus chair 2025; served in House since 2023.

Shannon Maness – Dillon, House District 70, Republican. Born 1975 in Nashville, Tennessee; moved to Montana in 2010; B.S. in animal science and minor in agriculture business, University of Georgia 1999; owns and operates Blacktail Appliance Repair; finance chairman of the Beaverhead County Republican Central Committee; youth hunt coordinator, Beaverhead Pheasant's Forever Chapter; elected to local elementary/middle school board of trustees; served in House since 2025; spouse's name is Krista; two children, Lydia (13) and Stuart (10).



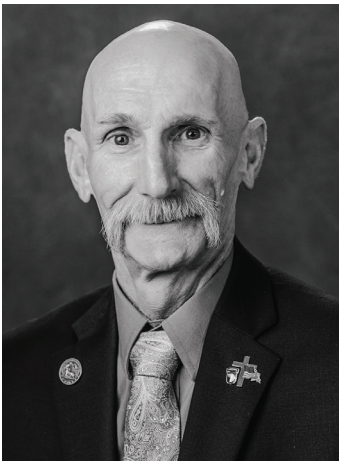
Shannon Maness



Marilyn Marler

Marilyn Marler - Missoula, House District 94, Democrat. Born 1971 in Lynwood, California; moved to Montana in 1994; B.S. in biology, University of California Davis 1994; M.S. in biology, University of Montana 1997; director of the Montana Natural History Center; Missoula City Council 2007-16; served in House since 2019; spouse's name is David Schmetterling; three nieces, six nephews.

Ron Marshall - Hamilton, House District 87, Republican. Born 1962 in McClellan Air Force Base, California; high school graduate; U.S. Army 1982-96; small business owner; American Legion; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Deanna; two children.



Ron Marshall



Eric Matthews

Eric Matthews - Bozeman, House District 66, Democrat. Born 1974 in Bozeman; Bozeman High School graduate; elementary education degree, Montana State University; masters in science and science education, Montana State University; educator in Bozeman, 26 years; served in House since 2023.

Bill Mercer - Billings, House District 52, Republican. Born 1964 in Billings; B.A. in political science, University of Montana 1986; M.P.A., John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University 1988; J.D., George Mason University School of Law 1993; attorney, Holland & Hart, LLP, 2010-present; United States Attorney, Montana, 2001-09; Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, 2005-06; Acting Associate Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, 2006-07; served in House since 2019; spouse's name is Marci; two children.



Bill Mercer



Tom Millett

Tom Millett – Marion, House District 2, Republican. Born 1965 in San Bernardino, California; moved to Montana in 2012; graduate of U.S. Naval Nuclear Power Program and associated electrical and electronics schools; independent consultant with 40+ years in the power generation and telecommunications industries; Persian Gulf War veteran; life member of American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars; served in U.S. Navy, eight years active, two years active reserve, two years inactive reserve; served in House since 2025; two sons, TJ and Steven.

Russ Miner - Great Falls, House District 26, Republican. Life-long resident of Cascade County; B.S. in agricultural production from Montana State University, 1976; extensive knowledge of Montana agriculture business; serves on agriculture, church, and youth boards; works with children in foster care; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Lorie; two sons.



Russ Miner



Braxton Mitchell

Braxton Mitchell - Columbia Falls, House District 5, Republican. Born 2000 in Whitefish; Columbia Falls High School graduate; attended Flathead Valley Community College; marketing and family business Montana Jerky Company; served in House since 2021; Majority Whip 2025; Agriculture chair.

Valerie Moore – Plentywood, House District 29, Republican. Born 1956 in Montana; A.A. in business, College of Great Falls; small business owner and manager; acted as editor of a bimonthly newspaper in our community; member of many service organizations through the years including the Plentywood Hospital Foundation Board, Plentywood Golf Club Board, Westby Economic Development Board, Ladies Aid; chaired the Westby Centennial Board; served on and chaired the Westby School Board, nine years; served in House since 2025; spouse's name is Danny, married 50 years; two children; four grandkids.



Valerie Moore



Luke Muszkiewicz

Luke Muszkiewicz – Helena, House District 79, Democrat. Born 1978 in Helena; graduated from Helena High School 1996; B.A. in computer science, Carroll College 2000; software engineer and data analyst in the public accounting industry; served on the Helena Public Schools Board of Trustees 2017-23; served in House since 2025; spouse's name is Virginia Reeves; two daughters, Hannah and Margot.



Fiona Nave

Fiona Nave – Columbus, House District 56, Republican. Born 1954 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin; moved to Montana in 1959; Park High School, Livingston; B.S. in applied mathematics, California Polytechnic University; operations research analyst for U.S. Navy (civilian); worked future weapons systems effectiveness; chairman, Stillwater Republican Central Committee; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Brent; two children; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.



Anthony Nicastro

Anthony Nicastro - Billings, House District 50, Republican. Born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina; moved to Montana in 2014; B.A. in politics, Wake Forest University 2001; J.D. from Wake Forest University School of Law 2005; attorney; served in House since 2025; spouse's name is Jaime; three children, Harrison (9), Jackson (7), and Brooks (3).

Nelly Nicol – Billings, House District 53, Republican. Born 1976 in Montana; graduated from Billings West High School; B.S. in public relations, advertising, and applied communication, Montana State University Billings; former business owner and creator, currently working for Victory Insurance Company, Inc., and serving as secretary-treasurer on the board of directors; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Bill; four children.



Nelly Nicol



George Nikolakakos

George Nikolakakos - Great Falls, House District 22, Republican. Born 1979 in Albrightsville, Pennsylvania; A.A. in Persian-Farsi, Defense Language Institute; B.A. in history, Excelsior College; U.S. Air Force active duty 2002-15; Montana Air National Guard 2015-22; retired Senior Master Sergeant; life member, Veterans of Foreign Wars; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Rep. Melissa Nikolakakos; four daughters, Story, Reagan, Melody, and Abigail.

Melissa Nikolakakos – Great Falls, House District 20, Republican. Born 1982 in Miles City; Livingston Park High School graduate 2001; A.A., Great Falls College Montana State University; B.A. in education, University of Montana Western; teacher; U.S. Air Force, 2003-04; served in House since 2025; spouse's name is Rep. George Nikolakakos; four daughters, Story, Reagan, Melody, and Abigail.



Melissa Nikolakakos



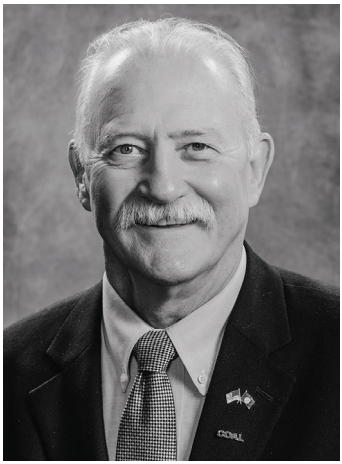
Greg Oblander

Greg Oblander - Shepherd, House District 38, Republican. Born in Billings; Billings West High School; B.S. in human biology; graduate degree in Chiropractic, Logan College of Chiropractic; voted Legislator of the Year by Montana Ambassadors, 2023, and Chiropractor of the Year by Montana Chiropractic Assoc., 2024; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is JoAnna (Jo); six children.

Greg Overstreet – Stevensville, House District 88, Republican. Born 1967; J.D., Seattle University School of Law 1993; B.A. in Russian and East European regional studies, University of Washington, 1989; attorney; Muscogee (Creek); served in House since 2025; spouse's name is Anne Gurney; two children.



Greg Overstreet



Gary W. Parry

Gary W. Parry - Colstrip, House District 35, Republican. Born 1952 in Butte; junior high and high school in Helena; B.S. in geology, University of Montana; MBA, Sam Houston State University; areas of study and experience in geology, landwork and landowner relations, contract negotiation and generation; senior contract analyst and lands manager; past district administrator for Key Clubs (Texas/Oklahoma district); past Lt. Governor for Kiwanis for Texas District 9; serves on Colstrip Parks and Recreation Board and City Planning Board; served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Nola; two children, Craig (Morgan), Dorian (Ty); five grandchildren, Aubrey, Parker, Logan, Nora, Haley.

Debo Powers - Polebridge, House District 3, Democrat. Born 1951 in Philadelphia Naval Hospital, but only lived in Pennsylvania for three weeks before family moved to a different Navy base; have lived in Montana during summers since 1979, became a fulltime resident in 2017; B.A. in history, government, and social studies education, Florida State University; public school teacher and principal, retired in 2011; board of directors for Wild Montana; member of Montana Federation of Public Employees retired; served in House 2019-20; one daughter; two grandchildren.



Debo Powers



James Reavis

James Reavis – Billings, House District 47, Democrat. Born 1983 in Butte; M.P.A., Middlebury Institute of International Studies; J.D., University of Montana Law School; B.A. in history and global politics, Washington State University; appeals and criminal defense attorney for Netzer, Krautter & Brown, P.C.; former public defender; volunteer for Montana Legal Services; small business owner; served in House since 2025; partner's name is Amanda Traver.

Amy Regier - Kalispell, House District 6, Republican. Born 1978 in Kalispell; B.S.N., Montana State University 2000; registered nurse; served in House since 2021.



Amy Regier



Linda Reksten

Linda Reksten - Polson, House District 13, Republican. Born 1951 in Polson; Ed.D. in teaching studies/education administration, UCLA; M.A., education administration, Point Loma Nazarene University; B.S., secondary education, biology major/chemistry minor, Eastern Montana College; taught middle school science, high school chemistry, served as elementary principal for 17 years, Burbank, CA; PLNU education professor; director of assessment, assistant superintendent for Mountain View School District, El Monte; Superintendent of Schools in Butte and Polson; wrote two books for Corwin Press on technology and student achievement; honored by President Bush in 2003 for high student achievement at Disney Elementary, Burbank, CA; member of Greater Polson Community Foundation, Lake County Republican Women, Pachyderm Club; served in House since 2021.

Melissa Romano – Helena, House District 80, Democrat. Born 1976 in Spokane, Washington; moved to Montana in 1978; M.S. in education, B.A. in science, University of Bridgeport; elementary mathematics instructional coach; National Board Certified Teacher in Literacy: Reading-Language Arts Early and Middle Childhood; 2018 Montana Teacher of the Year; 2012 awardee of the Presidential Award of Excellence in Math and Science Teaching; served in House since 2023; two children.



Melissa Romano



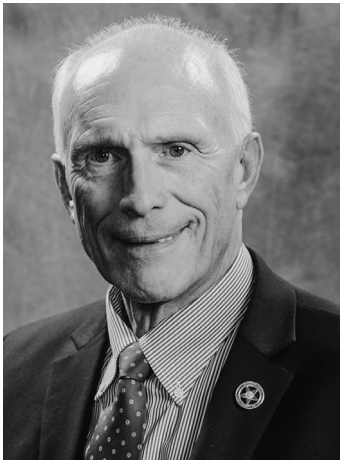
Scott Rosenzweig

Scott Rosenzweig - Bozeman, House District 57, Democrat. Born 1963 in Tucson, Arizona; moved to Montana in 2005; MBA from Cornell University, focus in international business; B.A. in philosophy from Wesleyan University; 35+ year career as international executive/entrepreneur in satellite communications, Internet of Things, and remote asset tracking; long distance runner; served in House since 2025; three children.

Tyson T. Running Wolf - Browning, House District 16, Democrat. Born 1974 in Browning; Browning High School graduate; B.S. in forest resource management, University of Montana; forest resource manager - fire management officer; Blackfeet tribal affiliation; four-year Tribal Council member for the Blackfeet Nation; served as secretary on the executive board for Blackfeet Nation; served in House since 2019; spouse's name is Lona; five daughters, two sons; three grandchildren.



Tyson T. Running Wolf



Jerry Schillinger

Jerry Schillinger - Circle, House District 34, Republican. Born 1955 in Wolf Point; Vida elementary school; Circle High School; attended Montana State University; B.S. in accounting, University of Montana; C.P.A., University of Montana; farmer; Chairman of the Board, McCone Health Center; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Carol; three sons; seven grandchildren.

Curtis Schomer - Billings, House District 48, Republican. Born 1984 in Montana; high school graduate; underground miner; served in House since 2025; spouse's name is Haley; three children.



Curtis Schomer



Lukas Schubert

Lukas Schubert - Kalispell, House District 8, Republican. Born 2005 in Santa Monica, California; moved to Montana in 2021; Glacier High School graduate; marketing and sales; serves on Flathead County's transportation advisory committee; served in House since 2025.

Joshua Seckinger – Bozeman, House District 62, Democrat. Born 1985; moved to Montana in 2009; graduated St. John's Northwestern Military Academy 2004; attended University of Wisconsin - Madison 2004-09; Bozeman-based fishing guide lucky enough to spend two months a year guiding on the Smith River; served in House since 2025; partner's name is Katie Malone.



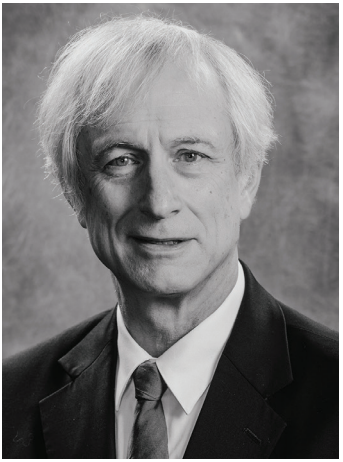
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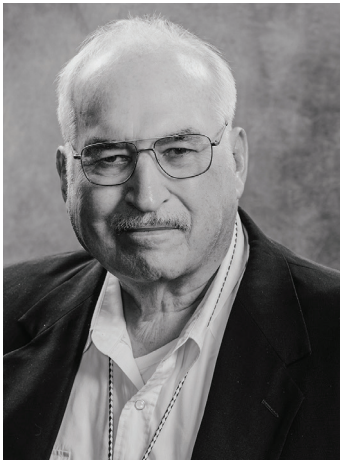
Kerri Seekins-Crowe

Kerri Seekins-Crowe - Billings, House District 39, Republican. Born in Hardin; B.B.A, University of Alaska Fairbanks; M.B.A. Campbell University, Buies Creek, North Carolina; Realtor and business development consultant; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Michael Crowe; two children; one granddaughter.

Tracy Sharp – Polson, House District 12, Republican. Born 1957 in Stanley, Wisconsin; moved to Montana in 1966; M.S. in military science, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS; B.S. in aeronautical and astronautical engineering, Purdue University; retired; served 29 years as an Air Force pilot, then five years as strategist for U.S. Africa Command; chair, Lake County Republican Central Committee and state's regional chairs for the Montana Republican Party; regional chair, Montana Republican Party District 5; executive board of the MTGOP; U.S. Air Force, 1975-2007; served in House since 2025; spouse's name is Laura; four grown children; seven grandkids.



Tracy Sharp



Frank Smith

Frank Smith - Poplar, House District 31, Democrat. Born 1942 in Poplar; graduated high school in Poplar; NCO and EMT training, Air Force; retired small business owner; taught at Dawson Community College; Fort Peck tribal council; Fort Peck and Sioux Assiniboine; in U.S. Air Force 1964-69; Boys and Girls Club of Fort Peck Reservation; started Fort Peck ambulance service; served five years on the Fort Peck Tribal Council; served in Senate 2005-08 and 2017-2020; served in House 1999-2004, 2011-12, and since 2021; one son, three daughters.

Jade Sooktis - Lame Deer, House District 41, Democrat. Served in House since 2025.



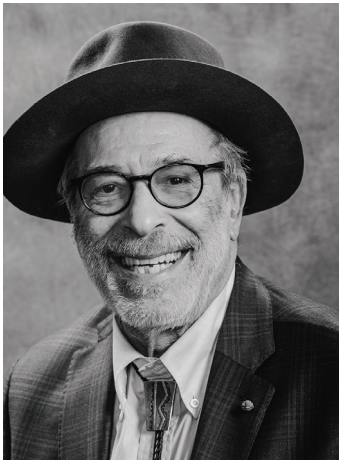
Jade Sooktis



Courtenay Sprunger

Courtenay Sprunger - Kalispell, House District 7, Republican. Born and raised in Kalispell; fifth-generation resident of the Flathead Valley; Bigfork High School graduate; B.A. in communications, Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, California; founder (2008) and present owner/CEO of Big Sky Public Relations; 2015-22 board of directors, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce, 2021 chair; Montana Ambassadors since 2014; aunt to thirteen nieces and nephews; served in House since 2023.

Ed Stafman - Bozeman, House District 59, Democrat. Born 1954 in Key West, Florida; moved to Montana in 2008; B.A. in math, State University of New York at Stoney Brook 1975; J.D., Florida State University College of Law 1977; completed coursework for Ph.D. in religion, Florida State University 2007; Rabbinic ordination, ALEPH Rabbinic Program 2009; Rabbi Emeritus; attorney; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Beth; two grown children, Laura and Logan.



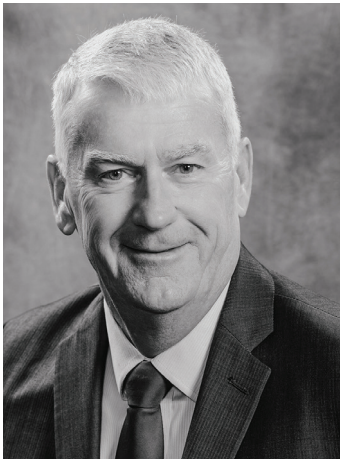
Ed Stafman



Peter Strand

Peter Strand – Bozeman, House District 63, Democrat. Born 1964 in California; moved to Montana in 1995; B.A. in political science, Occidental College; M.Ed. in elementary education, Lesley University; teacher, Bozeman Public Schools, 28 years; served in House since 2025; spouse's name is Cameron Hildreth; one son and two daughters.

Mark Thane - Missoula, House District 89, Democrat. Born 1959 in Missoula; B.A. in education, University of Montana; M.Ed. in educational leadership, University of Montana; thirty-nine year career in Missoula's public schools, retiring as superintendent in 2019; serves on the boards of Partnership Health Center and Community Medical Center; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Mary; two daughters, Lindsay (Taylor) and Emilie (Nick).



Mark Thane



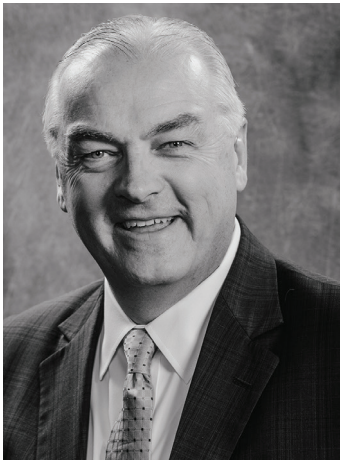
Morgan Thiel

Morgan Thiel - Sidney, House District 30, Republican. Born 1994 in Sidney; Sidney High School graduate; music technology, Sheridan College (Wyoming); business education, Evangel University (Missouri); commercial roofing project coordinator; served in House since 2025.

Eric Tilleman – Cascade, House District 23, Republican. Born 1980 in Havre; B.A. in agricultural education, Montana State University; M.A. in career and technical education, Concordia College; agricultural education specialist for Montana Office of Public Instruction; Cascade City/Cascade Farmer Rancher rural fire departments fire chief, National Association of Agricultural Educators President 2023-2024; served in House since 2025.



Eric Tilleman



Paul Tuss

Paul Tuss - Havre, House District 27, Democrat. Born 1965 in Anaconda; B.A. in political science, University of Montana 1988; executive director, Bear Paw Development Corporation; past president, Montana Economic Developers Association; board member, National Association of Development Organizations; former chairman, Montana Board of Regents; former member, Montana Tourism Advisory Council and Judicial Nomination Commission; served in House since 2023; two grown children, Dolan and Caroline.

Mike Vinton – Billings, House District 40, Republican. Born 1966 in Whitefish; graduate of White Sulphur Springs High School; B.S. in computer engineering, Montana Tech; MBA, University of Phoenix; general contractor; past president, Billings Home Builders Association; current first vice president, Montana Builders Industry Association; member of Lockwood Optimist Club; served in House since 2025; spouse's name is Sen. Sue Vinton; four children.



Mike Vinton



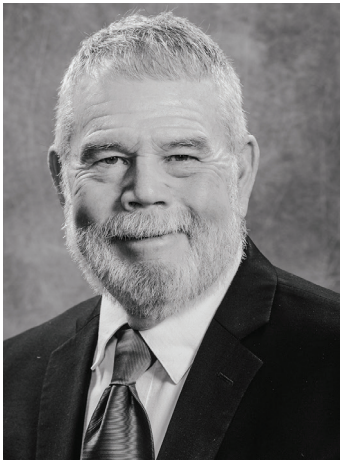
Ken Walsh

Ken Walsh - Twin Bridges, House District 69, Republican. Born 1954 in Stockton, California; moved to Montana in 1962; Twin Bridges High School; B.S., M.S. in agriculture education, Montana State University; currently a rancher; retired as president/CEO of Ruby Valley Bank; Twin Bridges Rotary Club; served in House since 2021; spouse's name is Mary Beth; two sons.

Jane Weber – Great Falls, House District 19, Democrat. Born in Allentown, Pennsylvania; moved to Montana in 1975; post-graduate studies in outdoor recreation, University of Montana and Clemson University; B.S. in Forestry, University of Montana; B.S. in art education, Kutztown State College; retired 31 years from USDA, Forest Service; last position as director of Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center; member Great Falls Downtown Development Partnership and Chamber of Commerce Business Advocacy Committee; former vice chair Missouri-Madison River Fund; former member City-County Board of Health, Library Board, Center for Mental Health, Historic Preservation Advisory Commission; Cascade County Commissioner 2010-21; served in House since 2025; spouse's name is James; three children, Max, Ellie, Nora; four grandchildren.



Jane Weber



Zack Wirth

Zack Wirth - Wolf Creek, House District 17, Republican. Born 1951 in Helena; fifth-generation Montanan; attended Montana State University with studies in agricultural business, 1969-1974; member of AGR fraternity at Montana State University; served in Montana Army National Guard 3669 Engineering Co. 1972-79; owns/operates Rocking Z Guest Ranch near Wolf Creek; member of Lewis & Clark County Open Space Bond advisory board, Sacred Heart Mission (Wolf Creek); served in House since 2023; spouse's name is Patty; six adult children; nineteen grandchildren.

Zooey Zephyr - Missoula, House District 95, Democrat. Born 1988 in Billings; B.A. in business administration; BFA in creative writing, University of Washington; graduate work, University of Montana; worked as program coordinator/manager at University of Montana 2015-22; served in House since 2023.



Zooey Zephyr